

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 21, 2011

SENATE BILL

No. 538

Introduced by Senator Price

February 17, 2011

~~An act to relating to healing arts.~~ *An act to amend Sections 2701 and 2708 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to nursing.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 538, as amended, Price. ~~Healing arts.~~ *Nursing.*

Existing law, until January 1, 2012, creates within the Department of Consumer Affairs the Board of Registered Nursing, and provides for the board to select an executive director. Under existing law, boards scheduled for repeal are required to be evaluated by the Joint Sunset Review Committee of the Legislature.

This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2016, and would specify that the board is subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

~~Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of healing arts licensees by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs.~~

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would make substantive changes to those healing arts provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 2701 of the Business and Professions*
- 2 *Code is amended to read:*

1 2701. (a) There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs the
2 Board of Registered Nursing consisting of nine members.

3 (b) Within the meaning of this chapter, board, or the board,
4 refers to the Board of Registered Nursing. Any reference in state
5 law to the Board of Nurse Examiners of the State of California or
6 California Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration
7 shall be construed to refer to the Board of Registered Nursing.

8 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2012~~
9 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
10 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2012~~ 2016, deletes or extends
11 that date. ~~The Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the~~
12 ~~repeal of this section renders the board subject to the review~~
13 ~~required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473) review~~
14 ~~by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.~~

15 SEC. 2. Section 2708 of the Business and Professions Code is
16 amended to read:

17 2708. (a) The board shall appoint an executive officer who
18 shall perform the duties delegated by the board and who shall be
19 responsible to it for the accomplishment of those duties.

20 (b) The executive officer shall be a nurse currently licensed
21 under this chapter and shall possess other qualifications as
22 determined by the board.

23 (c) The executive officer shall not be a member of the board.

24 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2012~~
25 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
26 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2012~~ 2016, deletes or extends
27 that date.

28 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
29 ~~legislation that would make substantive changes to the healing arts~~
30 ~~provisions described in Division 2 (commencing with Section 500)~~
31 ~~of the Business and Professions Code.~~